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Atty. Dkt. No. 023484-0162

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Tatsuyoshi MARUYAMA et al.

Title:

STRUCTURE FOR FIXING

STEERING-GEAR HOUSING

Appl. No.:

10/807,349

Appl. Filing Date:

3/24/2004

Examiner:

Alfred J. Wujciak

Art Unit:

3632

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

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| | [X] | Amendment/Reply. | | | | | | | |
| | [] | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). | | | | | | | |
| | [] | Information Disclosure Statement. | | | | | | | |
| | [] | Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s). | | | | | | | |
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| | [] | Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 | | | | | | | |
| | | C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. | | | | | | | |
| The filing fee is calculated below: | | | | | | | | | |

| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | Claims as Amended | | Previously Paid For | | Extra Claims Present | | Rate \$790.00 | | Fee Totals |
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| RCL 1 CC 1.17(C). | | | | | | | \$770.00 | _ | Ψ770.00 |
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[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| [] Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$120.00 0 | \$0.00 |
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| [] Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,020.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 | \$0.00 |
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| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE | \$1640.00 | |
| [] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ | \$0.00 | |
| [] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. | \$0.00 | |
| TO | TAL FEE: | \$1640.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1640.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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